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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request entry of the following amendments prior to calculating the fees due in the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 23 to pg. 3 line 2 with the following paragraph:

a/ To save time and money, apparatus to facilitate cementing are often lowered into the borehole along with a pipe to be cemented. Cementing apparatus typically includes a number of different components made up at the surface prior to run-in. These include a tapered nose portion located at the downhole end of the pipe to facilitate insertion thereof into the borehole. A check valve at least partially seals the end of the tubular and prevents entry of well fluid during run-in while permitting cement to subsequently flow outwards. The same valve or another valve or plug typically located in a baffle collar above the cementing tool prevents the cement from back flowing into the pipe. Components of the cementing apparatus are made of fiberglass, plastic, or other disposable material, that, like cement remaining in the pipe, can be drilled when the cementing is complete and the borehole is drilled to a new depth.